

The
~~Old~~ Southern Market and (City Hall)
Mobile, Alabama

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FOLLOWS...**

PHOTOGRAPHS

District No. 16

Historic American Buildings Survey
E. Walter Burkhardt, District Officer
Ala. Polytechnic Inst., Auburn, Ala.

FRENCH
CITY HALL (OLD SOUTHERN MARKET)
Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama.
Royal and Church Streets.

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Ownership:

Present Owner: City of Mobile. From 1855 to 1935.

Present Occupants: Municipal Offices, City of Mobile.
Alabama National Guard.
Fire Department Station.
American Legion & others.

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Previous Occupants: Meat; fish and vegetable markets.
First Volunteer Regiment. (Four local
Companies).
Merchants.

Date of Erection: 1855-1857.

Architect: Thomas Simmons James.

Builder: Built under the superintendence of T. S.
James. R. H. Redwood was principal contractor at the time
of completion.

Present Condition: Good, considering age - especially the
upper portions. Except for remodeling of municipall offices
and central entrance on Royal Street, about 1911, no
additions or material changes of street exteriors have been
made, but a large part of that section of the ground floor,
originally used for meat purposes, has been removed, forming
a closed court.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Brick; slate roof; smooth stucco
whitewashed; wrought iron grilles and gates; wood cupola.

Other Existing Records:

See: "HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF OLD MOBILE".
Compiled by John F. Glennon.
Pen & ink drawings done by,
Chici Glennon Lasley.

This book is an advertisement of the First
National Bank, Mobile, Alabama.

Additional Data: "The Southern Market", so named according to a city ordinance of 1855, and now generally referred to as "The City Hall" was primarily intended for the principal city market for meats, fish and vegetables.

In February 1855, at the time when plans and specifications were otherwise complete, but before the building was begun, it was decided to add additional rooms for municipal offices.

A petition, of July 26, 1855, was received from the First Volunteer Regiment, comprised of "Mobile Cadets", "Mobile Rifles", "Washington Light Infantry" and "Mobile Artillery", which included the statement that a new and more commodious Armory and Hall can be built over the story now being erected on the Church Street line of the New Market grounds etc. City records show that on August 25, 1855 authority was given for this agreeably to the plan of T. S. James, Architect, that is all of the second floor on Church St., with the exception of the corner room on Royal Street. Further wording grants to the Regiment free and undisturbed use and possession so long as it shall be used and held by said Regiment for the purpose intended, to wit, for an Armory and other military purposes and no longer. It is so used today.

Apparently construction proceeded without interruption and in October 18, 1855, we find a report stating, in effect, that they expect the stalls to be ready for occupancy next month. Later reports, however, indicate that the section of the building intended for municipal offices, while well advanced was more complete and other sections, including the Armory, were not to be completed until the year 1857.

On December 27, 1855, a fire occurred in the Municipal offices and in consequence it was decided to rush completion of a sufficient number of rooms to accommodate the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and two Boards. As the Architect advised that such rooms could, at a low cost and within a short time to be made ready for occupancy, though not fully completed, it may be believed that the offices of this city occupied at least a part of their present quarters early in 1856. About this time financial difficulties arose, construction was delayed several months, and in May 1856, it was resolved to raise an additional \$40,000.00 for paying indebtedness and completing the building.

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Additional Data: (Cont'd)

From the spring of 1856 progress was evidently resumed. On March 20, 1857, we find in the records indications of the completion of the Armory, and, even earlier references to the renting of stalls and stores. In a report of May 7, 1857, relative to receipts and disbursements of the Mobile City Market fund is included a statement showing that several amounts, totaling about \$11,000. 00 were paid to R. H. Redwood between January and March 1857, and a payment in full of \$5632.06 was made to him on April 20, 1857. While minor changes or additions may have been made afterwards, it seems safe to say that this building was essentially completed in the year of 1857.

Oil Paintings:

Market Building	-	Front on Royal Street
"	"	- Rear on Water Street
"	"	- Corner on Church and Water Streets
"	"	- Royal Street Gateway.

These are by Mr. Roderick MacKenzie.

Painted in Mobile, Alabama. 1934. under P. W. A. A. P.

Source of Material:

Mobile City Records
City Hall
Mobile, Alabama.

Mr. Gustave Chaudron Jr.,
258 Stocking Street
Mobile, Alabama.

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Compiled by: Katherine Floyd.
Auburn, Alabama.
Glennita Brosch
Mobile, Alabama.

Approved: E. Walter Burkhardt, District Officer, HABS.
Auburn, Alabama.

Date: 7-21-1936.

Rev. Dec. 4 '36 T.J.W.

City Hall
(Mobile City Hall, Southern Market)
111 South Royal Street
Mobile
Mobile County
Alabama

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City Hall (French Market)
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in HABS Catalog (1941)

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

AMERICA'S CITY HALLS

CITY HALL PROJECT REPORT, MOBILE, ALABAMA

NAME: ORIGINAL NAME: Southern Market and Municipal Building
Present Name: City Hall

LOCATION: 107-115 South Royal Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602

Bounded on the west by Royal Street, on the south by Church Street, on the east by Water Street, and on the north by the rear property line of the lots on Government Street.

PRESENT OWNER: City of Mobile

PRESENT OCCUPANT: Vacant since major damage caused by the hurricane of September 12, 1979. Plans for repairs and renovations under advisement.

SIGNIFICANCE: A rare and well documented 1858 building that served the City of Mobile concurrently both as a public market and city governmental building until well into the 20th century. Since the removal of the market, the whole building has been occupied by municipal offices and court room, until the devastating Hurricane Frederick in 1979. The building is significant for its architectural characteristics as well as for its historic importance to the City. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places as a National Historic Landmark, as well as being part of the Church Street East Historic District.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATIONA. PHYSICAL HISTORY

1. Erected 1856.

- a) Report of the Joint Market Committee to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, July 27, 1854.

Old market on Government Street condemned. Recommendation made to erect two new markets, one on the south section of the city, the other on the north.

- b) August 12, 1854; Approved that thirty to forty thousand be spent on the southern market, twenty to thirty thousand on the northern. (Final determination was \$44,000.)

- c) September 24, 1854; lots proposed by the Market Committee for location of new markets. Proposal adopted to purchase block for the Southern Market, land bounded by Royal on the west, Church on the south, Water on the west and the north property known as Hitchcock Row, "for the purpose of providing for the erection of a suitable market thereon."

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- d) February 1, 1855; Report of the Joint Committee on Public Property to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.
 - (1) That the old City Hall on Conti and Jackson was in a deteriorating state
 - (2) That the old City Hall was too small to serve the growing municipal needs
 - (3) That a second story be added to the plans of the new Southern Market to house the municipal offices.
 - (4) That the Southern Market and Municipal rooms should face Royal Street and that the addition of the Municipal additions should not exceed \$6,000
 - (5) Proposal adopted and committee given power to proceed. (Final approval February 10.)
- e) June 1, 1855; 44 bonds issued at \$1,000.00 (See Supplemental material, page 5.)
- f) October 29, 1855; Official name established, the Southern Market.
- g) December 27, 1855, Old City Hall on Conti and Jackson burned.

Contract signed with Thomas S. James as superintendent to finish the new facility. (See Supplemental material, page 2.)
- h) Mobile Commercial Register, December 30, 1855 states Thomas James as architect and mentions "his pretty pictures". (See supplemental Material, page 4.)
- i) February 2, 1856; bills tendered to T. S. James for lumber. But work stoppage ordered. Committee relieved of duties in March.
- j) September 20, 1856; new contract made between Mayor/Board of Aldermen and Richard Redwood and others, to complete the Southern Market and Municipal rooms for \$25,000. (See Supplemental Material page 3.)
- k) September 22, 1856; contract with William Rouse for iron work in arcades, \$3,500, furnished by the New York Wire Railing Company, New York. (See Supplemental material, pages 3,6,7.)

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2. ARCHITECTS, BUILDERS.

- a) Thomas Simmons James (1803-1862) Magnolia Cemetery records. 1850 City Census: T. S. James, 45 m; Va. James came from Princess County, Virginia. Prominent builder in Mobile; worked on Barton Academy (Board of Education Minutes) and the Government Street Presbyterian Church (History of the Government Street Presbyterian Church, Alfred Murray. Erroneously assigned as its architect.) December 27, 1855 Superintendent of Southern Market and Municipal addition.
Listed in City Directories: 1839, 1842 and 1844 as "builder"; 1852 listed as "architect"
- b) Richard Redwood, builder. (1804-1872)
Census 1850: 45 m; Va.
Mobile City Directory: 1856 listed as a "builder"
Contract for iron work around Barton Academy (Board Minutes)
Contract to finish the Southern Market and Municipal Building.
Contractor of several homes in the mid-century, Mobile.
- c) William Rouse, Iron Dealer (died October 14, 1871; age 55 years, 7 months.
Listed in Mobile City Directories, 1842 and until 1870.
- d) 1910 Alterations in City Hall

Architects: William L. Denham - George E. Denham
1910 City Directory: William L. Denham, architect in firm Downey and Denham
George E. Denham, draftsman in office of George B. Rogers
1914; William L. Denham joined the firm of Hutchisson and Denham
- e) Late 1930 renovations in City Hall

1939 Directory: Frederick W. Clarke, architect.

4. ORIGINAL PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION

- a) No plans exist of the original building. The building complex is made of 4 rectangular sections connected by 3 arcaded passageways, the whole comprising a block 244' on Royal by 275' plus on Church by 213' plus on Water Street. (See plan in the Mobile Atlas of 1878, and Sanborn Map of 1880, Supplemental Material, Section 9)

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The two central sections form a U shaped mass, facing on Royal Street and extending east to Water Street.

The south wing annex is 30' wide by 275' long, facing the south on Church Street and forms a series of individual stalls or shops. The eastern $\frac{1}{2}$ from the stairway has walls 5" - one brick thinner than the west half.

The north wing annex is the same width but much shorter and for many years was attached to a building on the north. (See Sanborn maps of 1880, 1891, Supplemental Material Section 9.)

- b) The main sections of the complex facing on Royal Street, are two story in elevation and of brick construction.

The two central sections of the brick construction occupy a space approximately 120' on a square. (See HABS plan, Section 9.)

The central market stalls were of frame construction, one story elevation; now destroyed.

- c) Connecting the four sections on Royal Street are 3, one story brick arcaded entrance passages. Similar brick arcaded entrances connect the buildings on the east Water Street facade. (See HABS drawings, Section 9).
- d) An octagonal cupola dominates over the central passage.

5. ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS

According to the maps illustrating the ground plans, (See Supplemental Material Item 8,a to i) major changes in the buildings were not made until in the 20th century.

1904 Sanborn Maps (Supplemental Material item 8-e - 8-f)
An overlay on the 1904 Sanborn map shows a major change in the central section of the two main buildings - compare 1915.

- c 1910 Alterations by Mobile; architects Denham and Denham.
 - a) A bridge was built connecting the east end of the two brick wings, marked in green on the map. (8-F)
 - b) A council chamber was constructed above the bridge at the second floor level.

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- c) The original open passageway between the two brick wings were enclosed to form an entrance lobby.
- d) The stairway was reoriented to the east wall of the lobby. Mr. Nicholas Holmes in his report to the City Commission on the building after the Hurricane of 1979 page 10, said, "to accomodate the new stairway an addition was made in reinforced concrete."
- e) Mr. Holmes attributed all present interior decor to this renovation period.

1915 Sanborn does not indicate any changes (Supplemental Material, 8-f)

1924 Sanborn Map (Item 8-g)

The map has several overlays, the first in 1927, then 1933, 1939, 1944, 1946, 1950, 1954.

The market stalls have been removed.

Between 1824 and 1935:

- a) The Matt Sloan Fire Station erected in the eastern end of the courtyard and attached to the west wall of the Water Street brick gate-passageways.
- b) A driveway cut into the South Annex on Church Street, to the east of the 6th bay, connecting Church Street and the inner court.

1934, 35 HABS drawings, 15 sheets, and 18 photographs. (8-h)

- a) The building basically the same massing and plan as at present, except for the infilling of the windows on the Church Street facade.
- b) The decorative treatment of the central entrance has been altered from the photograph of 1857. In the original building the cornice of the central passage entrance was crowned with a crenelated parapet. In the HABS elevation drawing (see photo) it has been replaced by a moulded double curving parapet. This may have been done at the time of the 1910 changes.

After 1935 In the HABS photos of the Church Street Elevation of the South Annex, the first floor windows still are centered in each bay. In the contemporary photo, the bays have been largely infilled. The windows in the western half between Royal Street and the Driveway are 6/6 lights, those in the eastern half are 8/8.

Late in 1930

- a) Late in 1930 the second floor of City Hall was reinforced by a structural steel framing system.
- b) The open space beneath the bridge marked on the map 8-e was infilled for an office. (Nicholas Holmes' report, page 12)

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- c) The architect for the work was Fred W. Clarke.
 1936 Wall murals painted by John Walker. Paintings on the walls of the lobby. Subjects: Local Mobile History.
 Marble wainscoting installed at the time the murals were mounted.

For an evaluation of the structural condition of the building following the Hurricane of 1979, refer to report by Nicholas Holmes, architect, April 1980.

B. HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Minor changes were made in the use of the building at the first floor level. The second floor remained in use as a City Hall until the closing of the building after the hurricane.

- 1880 In the market section were vegetable stalls, meat stalls.
 The North Annex contained a grocery store and a saloon.
 The South Annex contained a fruit stand, fish markets, a restaurant and a saloon. On the second story the rooms were occupied as an armory.
 1885 2 large rooms east of the 6th bay of the South Annex were taken over by the Armory and the second floor contained a drill room and Regimental Company rooms.
 1904 The North Annex still used as stores.
 The South Annex first floor used for storage; second floor used as Headquarters for the A.N.G. Regiment and Drill Hall.
 1924 The North Annex used by the Sewer Department of the City.
 The South Annex used for storage on the first floor, the second floor for City offices.

PART II ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATIONA. DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTERIOR

See architectural description in Supplemental Material,

B. Interior sections of the building.

Lobby: Entrance lobby contains a large stairway with marble treads and risers. An elevator to the left of the stairway. Floor, ceramic tile; Marble wainscoting on walls below murals; pilasters frame paintings. Crown mouldings. Stairway; cast iron supports, brass railing in lower run. String course about about 12" up on walls.

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City Planning Offices on north, down 2 steps. Crown moulding continued into City Planning Office; individual office rooms have modern wall surfacing.

2nd story of central section

Hall, tile flooring; wall pilasters; dado moulding. Council Chamber, 2 central Corinthian columns supporting bracing arches and dividing the room into two sections.

A cove ceiling articulated by a double curved panel moulding above and a crown moulding embellished with a fine dentil course.

The wall behind the dias has a curtained panel framed by pilasters with a double capital, Corinthian below and Tuscan Doric above.

South Annex: beaded wall boarding on stairs; originally beaded ceiling, now all ceilings lowered; offices with modern siding; originally doors of second story had transoms that have been infilled.

C. SITE

The building faces west on Royal Street.

The complex occupies the entire site from Royal to Water and from Church to the rear property lines of lots on Government.

To the north of the complex on the south east corner of Royal and Government is a parking lot. In the south west corner of Water and Government is the Police Building, both occupying what was originally Hitchcock Row.

A sidewalk runs in front of the building on Royal and along the side of the South Annex on Church Street. The sidewalks are broken by circular wells in which small trees have been planted, otherwise there are no areas of plantings.

PART III SOURCES AND INFORMATIONA) DRAWINGS AND MAPS

- 1) HABS drawings, 1934-35; originals in the Library of Congress.
Copies in the Mobile Public Library, Local History Division, Holmes Collection.
- 2) City Atlas Map of 1878; Public Library, Local History, Copy in office of the MHDC.
- 3) Sanborn Maps of 1880, 1885, 1891, 1904, 1915, 1924, Copies in the office of the MHDC.

B) PHOTOGRAPHS AND ENGRAVINGS

- 1) 1857, Ballou, DRAWING ROOM COMPANION, collection of Mrs. Carter Smith, Mobile, Ala.

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- 2) 1887, HARPER'S WEEKLY, July 16, 1887
- 3) Plate in Peter Hamilton, ART WORKS IN MOBILE AND VICINITY, W. H. Parish Pub. Co., 1894
- 4) HABS, photographs selected from the 18 taken in 1934-35; originals in the Library of Congress; Copies in the Public Library, Local History Division, Holmes Collection.
- 5) Photos taken by Roy Thigpen for the City Planning Commission publication, NINETEENTH CENTURY MOBILE ARCHITECTURE, originals in the files of the Mobile City Planning Commission.
- 6) Miscellaneous photos in the files of the MHDC.
- 7) Photo in the Overbey Collection, University of South Alabama Photo Archives, Brookley Building, #2001.

C) BIBLIOGRAPHY1) PRIMARY SOURCES

- a) See sources for maps, engravings and photographs.
- b) Historic Information:
Minutes of the Board of Aldermen, City Archives; temporarily stored in Building C, present City Hall, Dauphin at I-65.
Files of the City Planning Commission office; research for their publication of the NINETEENTH CENTURY MOBILE ARCHITECTURE.
Deed Books, Probate Court Records, Mobile County Courthouse.
- c) Newspaper accounts of 1855, MOBILE DAILY REGISTER, Public Library, Local History Division microfilm.

2) SECONDARY SOURCES

- a) Newspaper clippings in years subsequent to the mid-19th century.
Clippings in the file of the MHDC.
- b) Miscellaneous material in the files of the MHDC.

D) LIKELY SOURCES NOT YET INVESTIGATED

- 1) City documents now in storage for accounts of restorations, renovations and adaptations subsequent to the 1930's.

E) SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

See Title Page of Supplemental Material.

Prepared by
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Architectural Historian
Mobile Historic Development
Commission

May 26, 1981

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

- Page 1: Deeds for purchase of lots for the Market and City Hall, 1854
- Page 2: Report of the Joint Committee of Public Property to the Mayor, Board of Aldermen
- Page 3: September 27, 1856, contract to finish City Hall
- Page 4: Mobile Daily Register, December 30, 1855
- Page 5: Bond issue of 1855
- Page 6: Catalogue of the New York Wire Railing Company 1857
- Page 7: Page from the Catalogue with Mobile order

Section 8: Maps

- a) 1878 City Atlas
- b) Sanborn Map, Plate 12, 1880
- c) Sanborn Map, Plate 14, 1885
- d) Sanborn Map, Plate 14, 1891
- e) Sanborn Map, Plate 4, 1904
- f) Sanborn Map, Plate 4, 1915
- g) Sanborn Map, Plate 16, 1924
- h) HABS, 1934-35, ground plans, 1st and 2nd floors
- i) Sanborn Map, Plate 16, 1954

Section 9: Architectural Description, 3 pages

Section 10: Engravings and Photographs

- 1857, engraving, Ballou's PICTORIAL DRAWING ROOM COMPANION, June, 1857
- 1887, HARPER'S WEEKLY, July 16, 1887
- 1894, Peter Hamilton, Art Works of Mobile & Vicinity; 1894
- 1934-35: HABS drawings, elevations, plate 7
- Arcaded passageways, plate 14
- HABS photographs, 3 of the original 18
- 1973, Photograph by Roy Thigpen for the City Planning Publication of 1974, NINETEENTH CENTURY MOBILE ARCHITECTURE.

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transmitted
to Library
of Congress

Tract _____ Price Tract _____ Block _____ Lot/Parcel _____

Address City Hall, 107-115 Royal Street

<u>Date and Reference</u>	<u>Grantor to Grantee</u>	<u>Instru- ment</u>	<u>Consideration and Description</u>	
1 Dec. 1854 D.Bk. 7/392	Bernard Tim & wf to City of Mobile, Charles Langdon, mayor William Dunn, Pres. Fire. Ins Co. John Hodges, Pres. Savings Co.	WD	44' x 111' on Royal	\$6000.00
1 Dec. 1854 D.Bk. 7/397	John Weaver & wf. to City of Mobile	WD	43.6' x 113' on ne cor. Royal & Church	8000.00
1 Dec. 1854 DB 7/394	Moses Waring to City of Mobile	WD	Land beg. at nw cor. Church & Water Streets	7500.00
1 Dec. 1854 DB 7/ 396	John Bloodgood - to City of Mobile	WD	Land beg. at nw cor. Church & Water Streets	15000.00
18 Dec. 1854 D.Bk. 7/415	Sidney Smith & Alabama Smith to City of Mobile	WD	160' x 214' on nw cor. Church and Water Streets. All of undivided $\frac{1}{4}$ part.	7500.00
6 Feb. 1878	Frank McLarney to Mayor and Aldermen and Common Council	QC	Land com. at ne cor. Royal and Church Streets	432.16

By: E. J. G. 6/16/81

Date: _____

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MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

1 Feb. 1855; Report of the Joint Committee on Public Property
Recommendation to enlarge the Market by the addition of a second story to house the Municipal Offices.

27 Dec. 1855; Report of the Committee on Public Property

Minutes of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Concerning the fire in the Old City Hall on Conti Street and Jackson:

" --- in consequence of the fire which occurred this morning in the Municipal Building ----- your Committee recommend that no repairs be made to the present old buildings except those previously specified-----and that the Market Committee be requested to have the new buildings completed as the earliest period

Your Committee has ascertained from Thomas S. James the Superintendent of the Market buildings that they-that is the whole-can be completed within six weeks or thereabouts, agreeably to the original plan at a cost of between thirty three and thirty five hundred dollars and that five offices, viz: The Mayors, the City Clerk, Treasurer and rooms for two Boards can be completed in ten weeks and be ready for occupancy at a cost of between fifteen and eighteen hundred dollars- but that these rooms and offices can be finished with the exception of the plastering for a less sum

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CONTRACT FOR FINISHING THE MARKET-CITY HALL COMPLEX.

27 September 1856

"This agreement made----this 27th day of September, 1856, between the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Mobile, of the first part and Richard H. Redwood, Benjamin F. Scattergood, George W. Gregory, Thomas J. Riley and E. S. Dargan of the second part----that the said parties of the second part for the consideration hereinafter mentioned do for themselves----convenient with the said parties of the first part ----will substantially erect, build and finish and complete the said Southern Market buildings according to the plans, specifications hereto attached----and that they shall and will finish and supply all the stone, brick, iron, timber and other materials----and that they shall and will fill all the openings to said Market on Royal Street and Water Street with Iron, the gateways with wrought Iron gates with proper fastenings and the Windows and Transoms to be filled with Wove-wire, three eights of an inch in diameter; the iron gates to the main entrance on Royal Street to be made so that the upper portions shall be so fixed with weights and pulleys, that they will be opened by being drawn up; and to each of the doorways that open into the Market yard from the stores there shall be an iron-gate and that the above described iron work shall be good, workmanlike and elegant and shall be worth at least thirty five hundred dollars; and that they shall and will finish those portions of the said Southern Market building called stores, so that said stores will be tenantable by the first day of January, 1857 and that they shall and will finish that portion called the Municipal Hall by the first day of March 1857; and that the whole of the said Southern Market Buildings shall and will be finished by the first day of March 1857 with the exception of the rough casting, the putting on of which may be delayed until, but not longer than, the weather may be warm enough.-----
----- the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars.-----"

There follows the agreement for terms of payment.

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THE MOBILE DAILY REGISTER, December 30, 1855

John Forsyth, Editor

Corporation Affairs:

We find in the official journal of the city, a record of some interesting proceedings touching the market and the unfortunate fire in the Mayor's office. We copy them for the information of our readers. The new market erected after the plan of Mr. Architect James pretty "pictures", although a beautiful structure and quite the pride of Mobilians, has cost a pretty sum of money. How much cannot be precisely learned, for the Market Committee report that "the unfortunate fire in the Mayor's office consumed all the records, papers, vouchers, etc. It is admitted that the expenditures upon these buildings has been far greater than was calculated- exceeding the estimates by fully one hundred percent". That shows bad arithmetic somewhere.

We may at some future time try to ascertain how much the grounds and buildings of this pretty market have cost, lay them before our readers, and enquire if we were not something of a prophet when we foretold what would come to pass at the time the whole question was discussed last year. An expenditure of something over \$105,000 is admitted.

United States of America.

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THE STATE



OF ALABAMA.

MOBILE CITY MARKET DEBT.

\$1,000.

Eight Per Cent Stock.

1891

Know all Men by these Presents, That the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Mobile, acknowledge to owe to _____ the sum of **ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS**, lawful money of the United States of America, which sum the said Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council, for themselves and their successors, do hereby engage well and truly to pay to _____ or to _____ assigns, **TEN YEARS FROM THE DATE HEREOF**, at the **MERCHANTS' BANK OF NEW YORK**, in the City of New York; and the said Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council, for themselves and their successors, do hereby engage to pay an Annual Interest on said sum, of **EIGHT PER CENT.**, payable annually at said Merchants' Bank, to wit: **Eighty Dollars** at the expiration of each year from the date hereof, upon the delivery of the **Coupons** severally hereunto annexed, until the payment of the said principal sum.

In Testimony Whereof, the Mayor and Clerk of the City of Mobile have signed, and the Treasurer and Chairman of the Market Committee of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council have countersigned these Presents, and have caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this **FIRST DAY OF JUNE**, in the year of our Lord **ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.**

Wm. A. Donaldson Treasurer.

City of Mobile Mayor.

Ch'n Market Com. of C. C.

C. D. Wallace Clerk.

Ch'n Market Com. of Ald.

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IRON MANUFACTURE.

Important Inventions and Improvements;

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF IRON;

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE

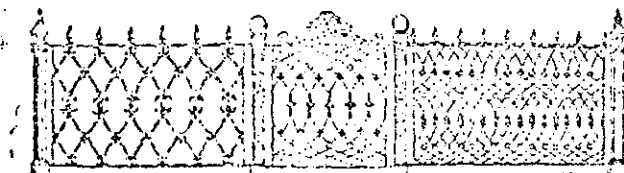
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MANUFACTURES OF THE

NEW YORK WIRE RAILING COMPANY.

HUTCHINSON & WICKERSEHAM.



(Specimens of three Styles of Wire Railings.)

WAREHOUSE, No. 312 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

1857.

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1857 Catalog of the New York Wire Railing Co. Woven iron wire
CHAPTER XXVIII.

WHERE OUR MANUFACTURES HAVE BEEN USED.

Crystal Palace.—The massive IRON RAILING enclosing the outside of the Crystal Palace at New York, including GATEWAYS, POSTS, FOUNDATION, &c. ; also all the INSIDE RAILINGS enclosing the Galleries, together with the STAIRS, NEWELS, STANDARDS, and OUTSIDE BALCONY RAILINGS.

Corporation of the City of Savannah, Ga.—FORSYTH PLACE (a Park of ten acres), MONUMENT SQUARE and the CITY HOSPITAL; also Churches, Public Buildings, Private Residences and Cemeteries ; and throughout the State of Georgia.

Corporation of the City of Charleston, S. C.—THE BATTERY, AIKEN SQUARE, FLYNN'S CHURCH, ORPHAN'S HOUSE ; also CIRCULAR CHURCH, CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION ; and also many of the most prominent Buildings in the State of South Carolina.

Corporation of the City of Natchez, Miss.—NATCHEZ INSTITUTE, &c., &c.

Corporation of the City of New York.—RECEIVER OF TAXES, MAYOR'S OFFICE, POST OFFICE, COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION, BOARD OF EDUCATION, &c., &c.

Corporation of the City of Brooklyn, L. I.—CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, MAYOR'S OFFICE, &c., &c.

Corporation of the Village of Glenn Falls, N. Y.

President's Grounds at Washington, D. C.

City Market, Mobile, Ala. ; MONTGOMERY MILLS, Montgomery, Ala.

City Infirmary, Cincinnati, Ohio.

House of Refuge, Philadelphia, Pa.

" " Baltimore, Md.

1878 CITY ATLAS

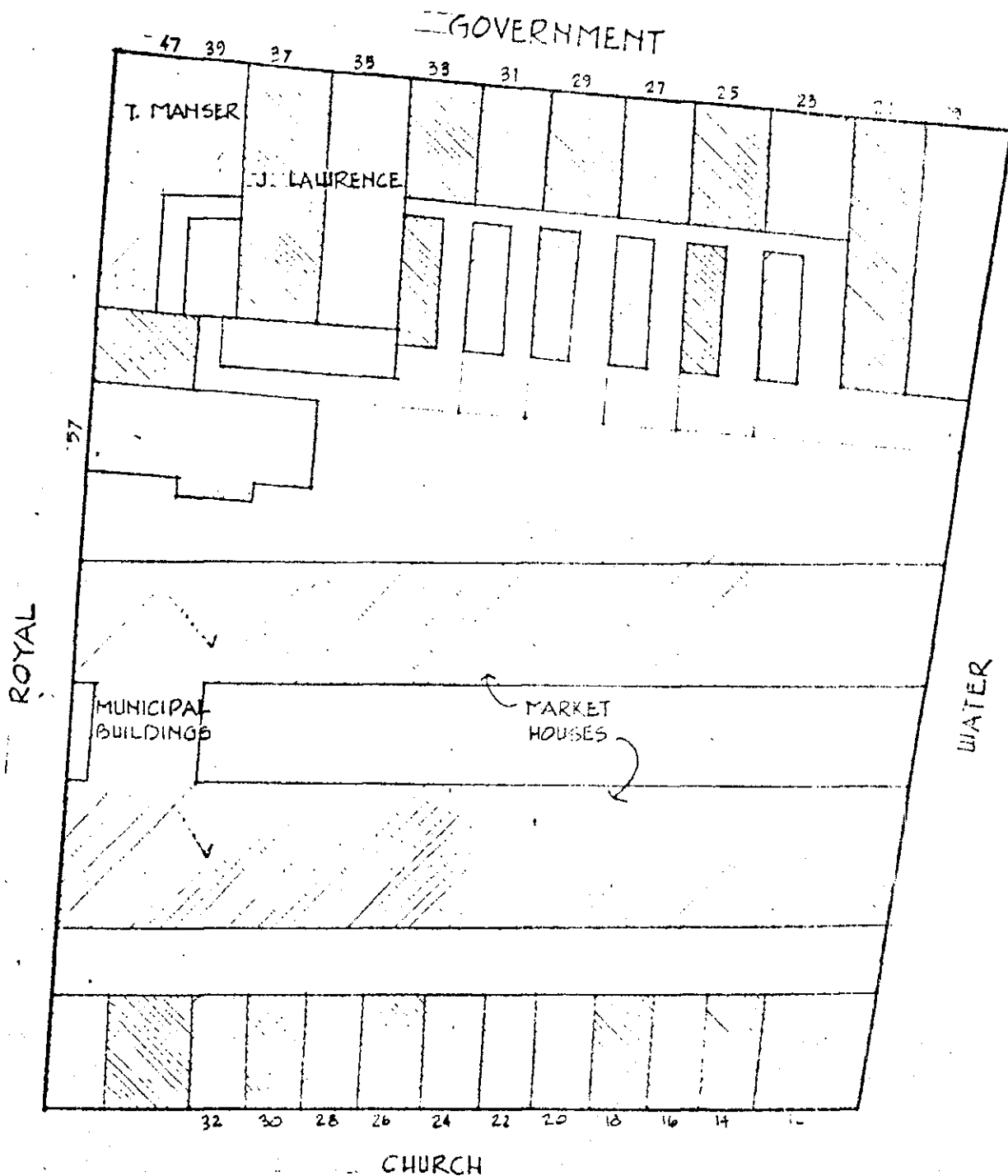
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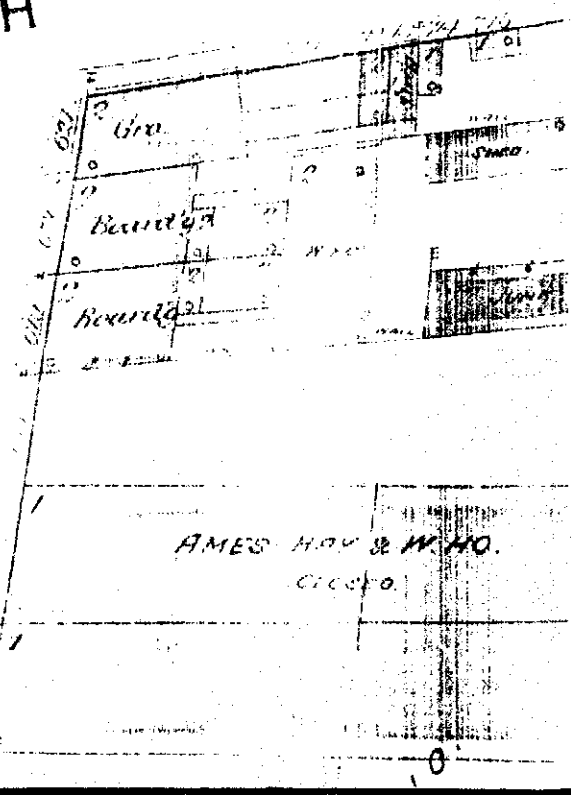
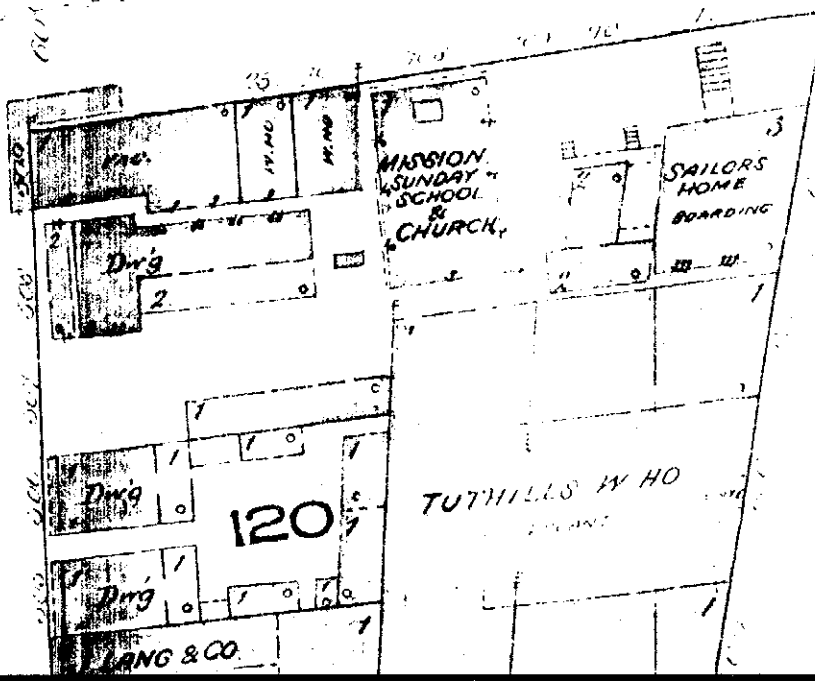
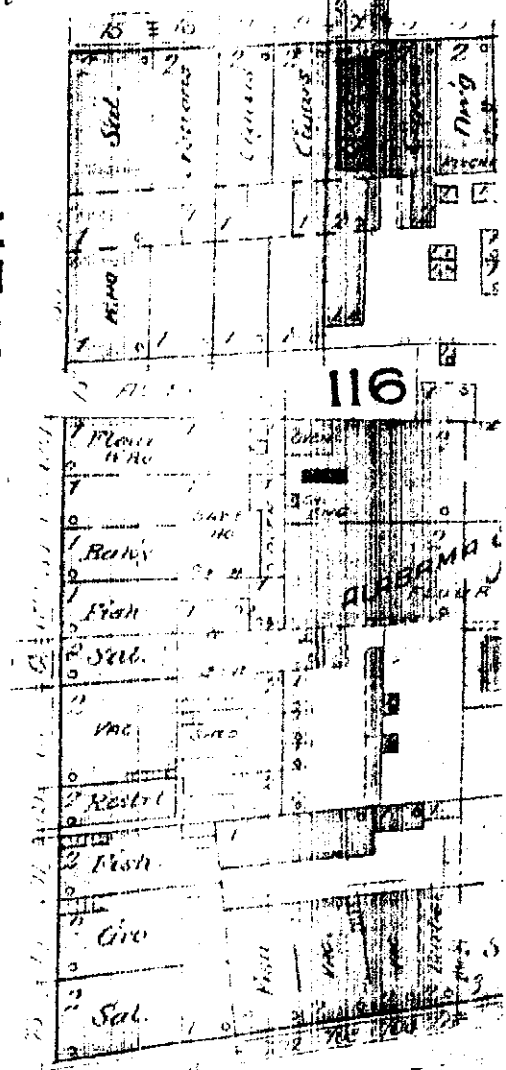
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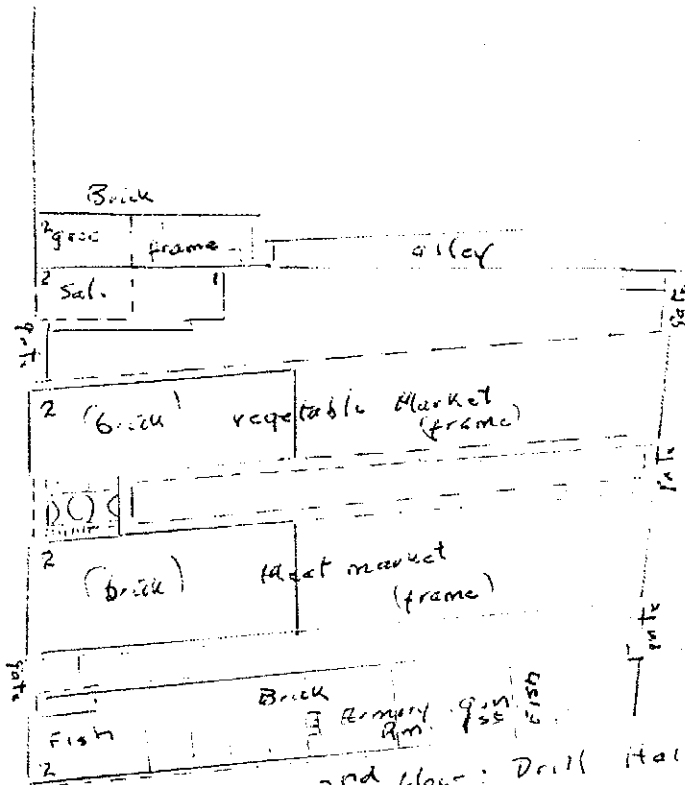


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2nd floor - offices

2nd floor: Drill Hall and Company Room and Armory

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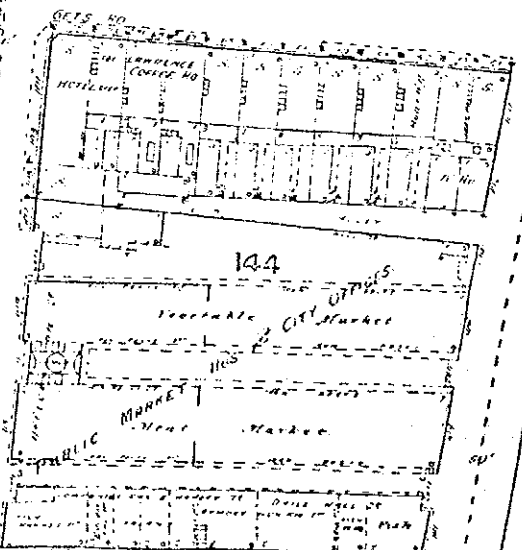
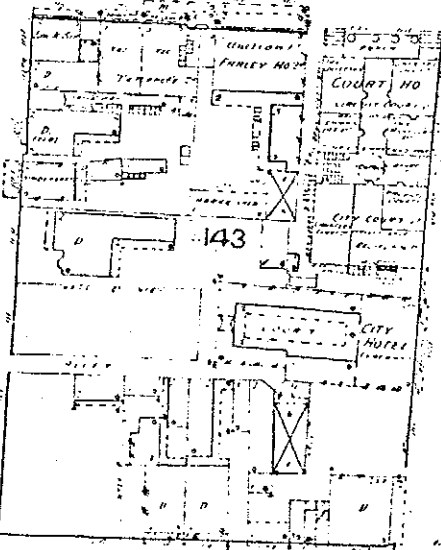
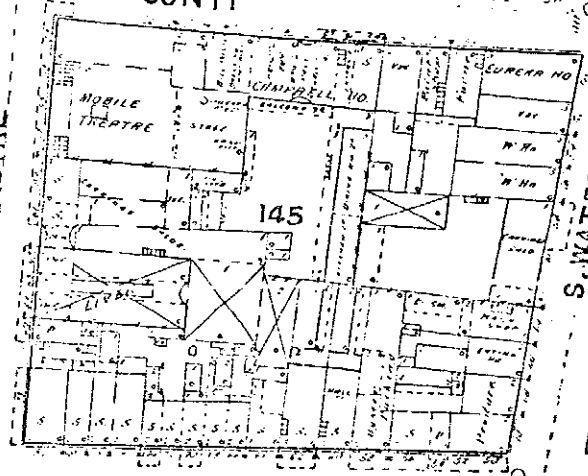
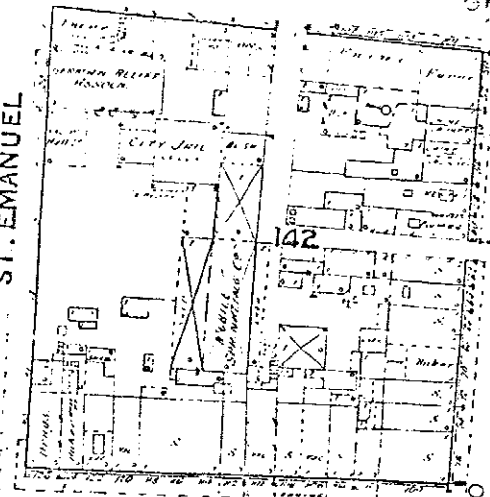
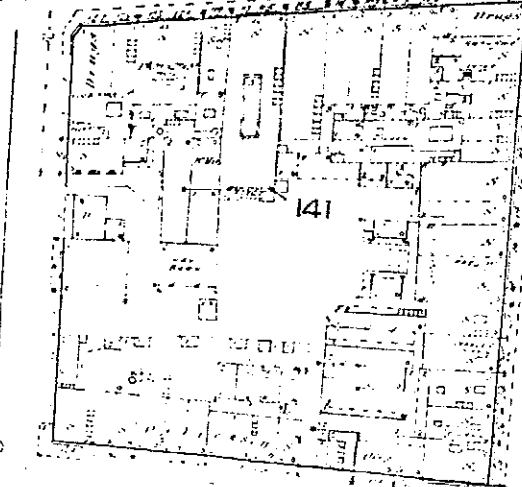
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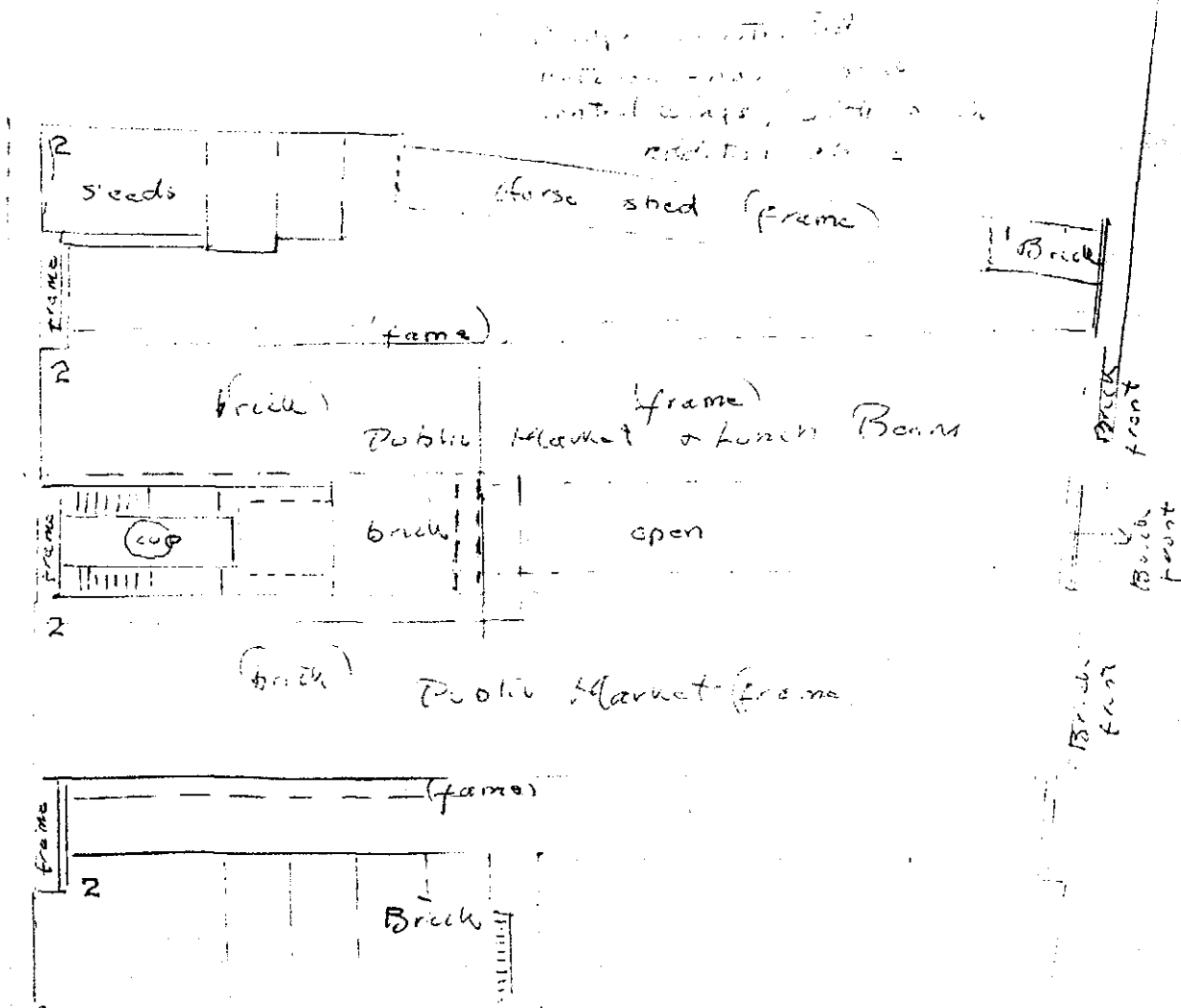
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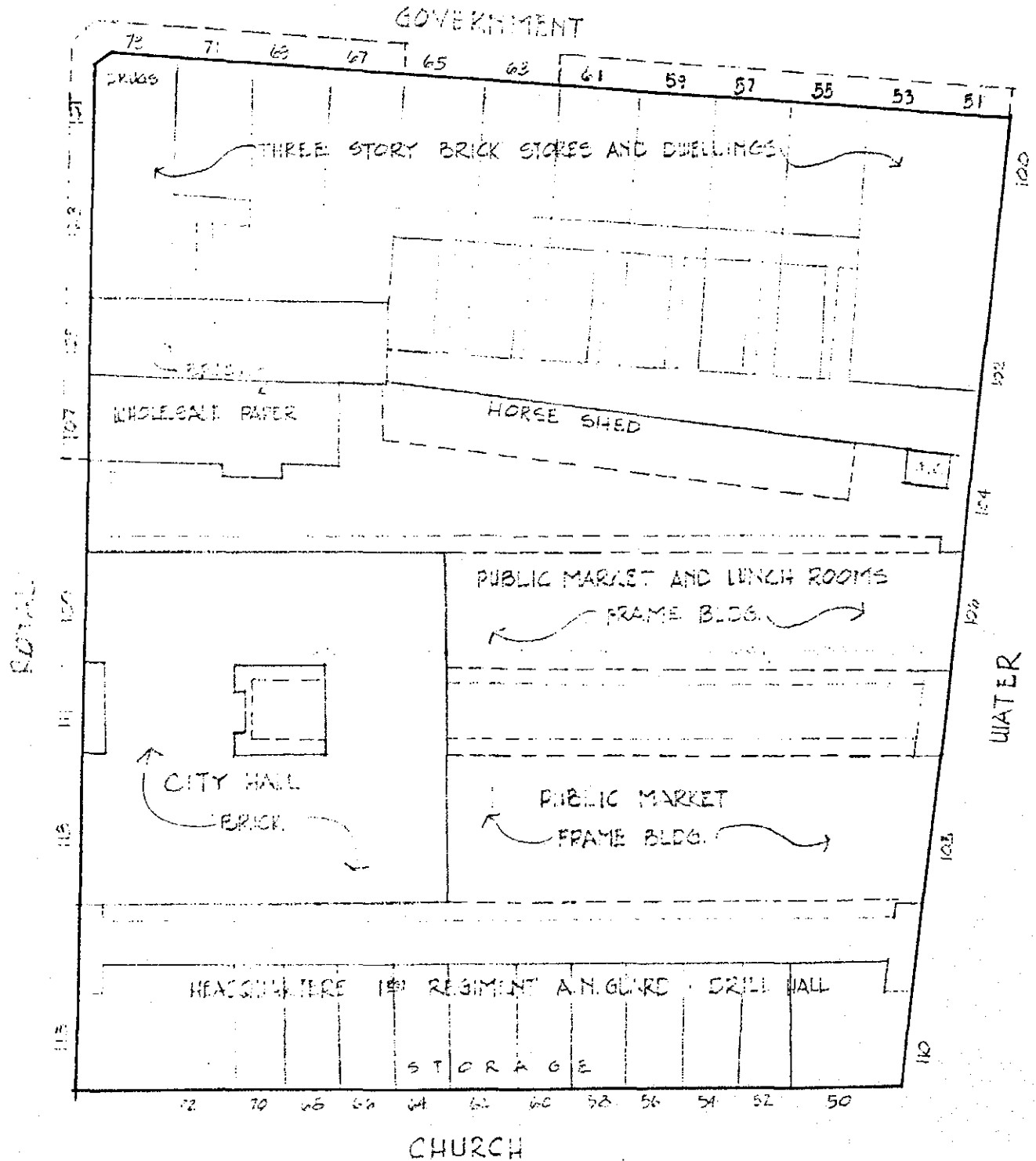
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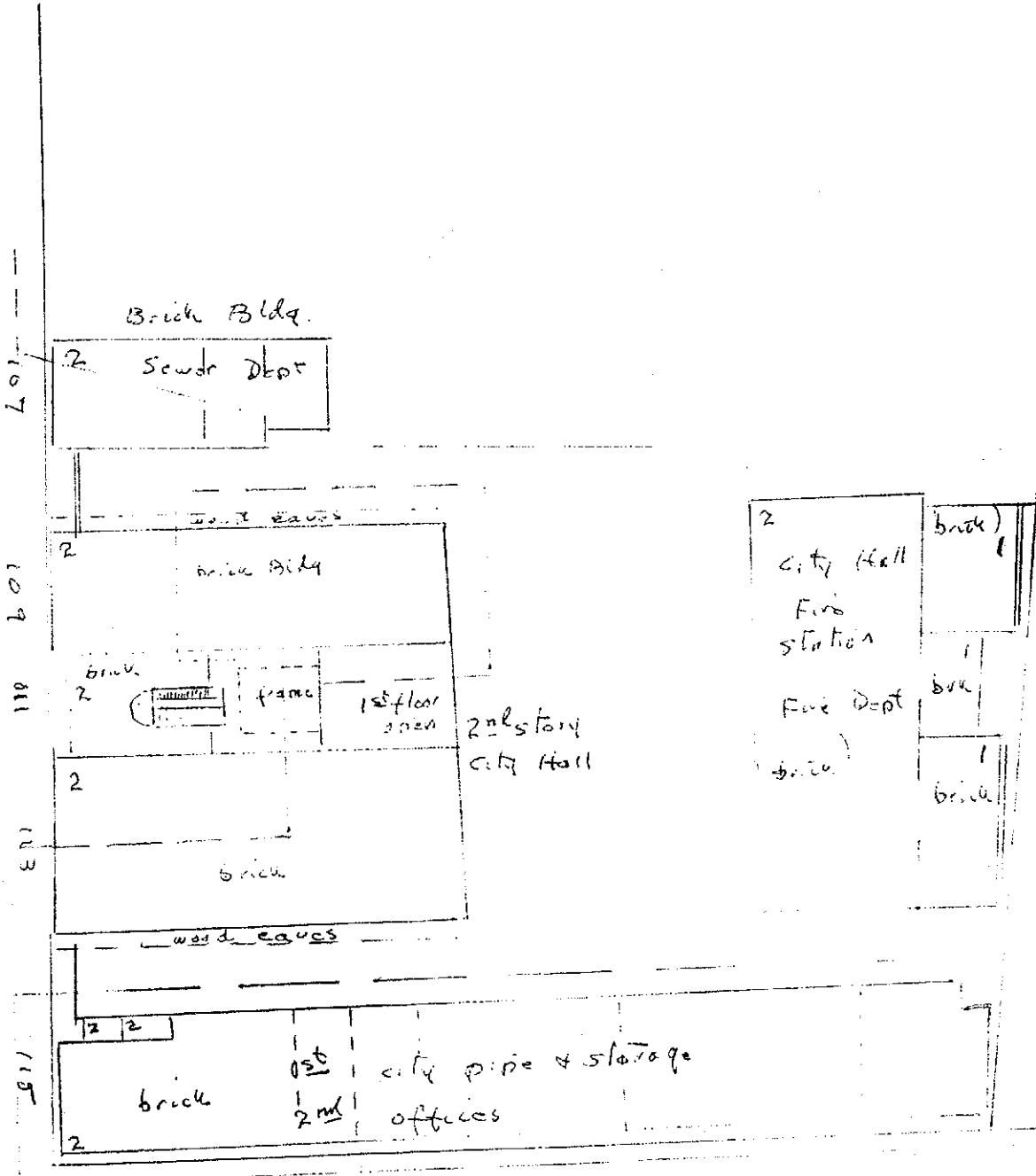
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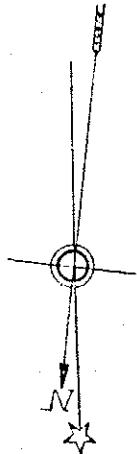
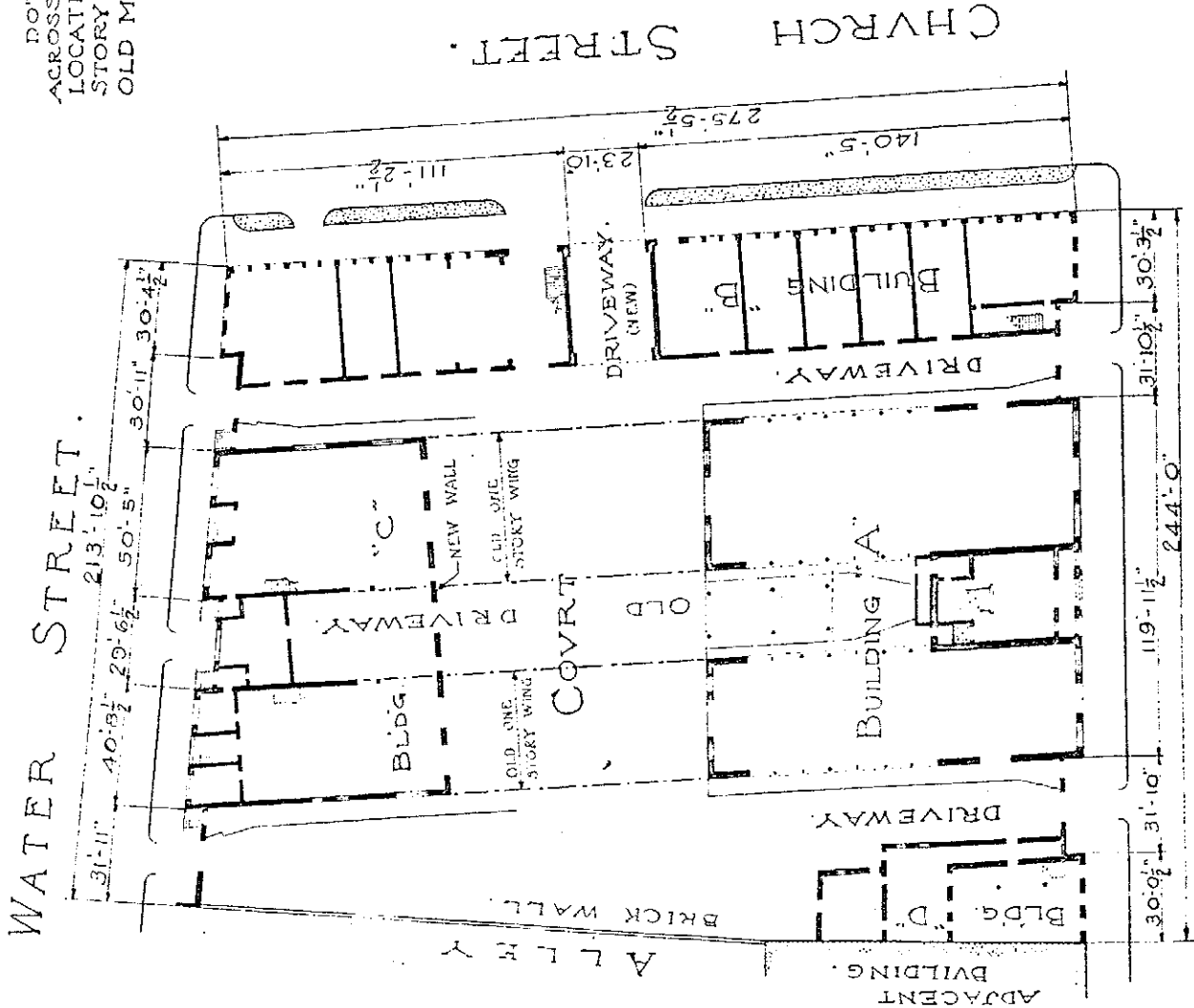
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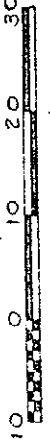
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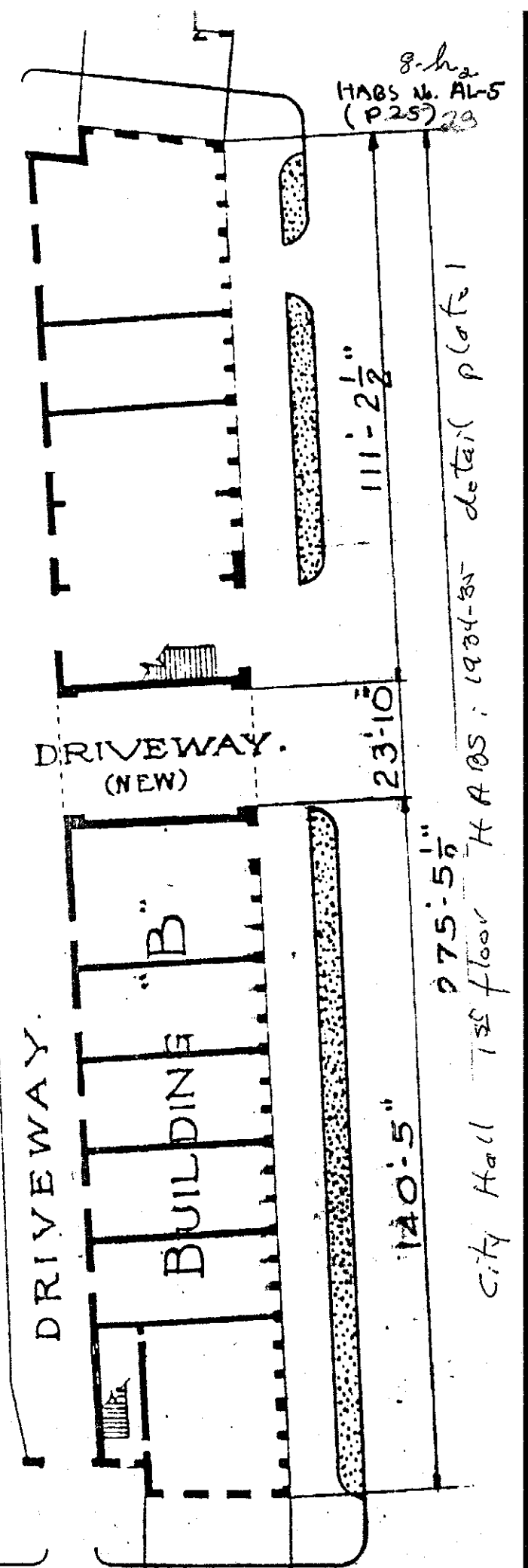
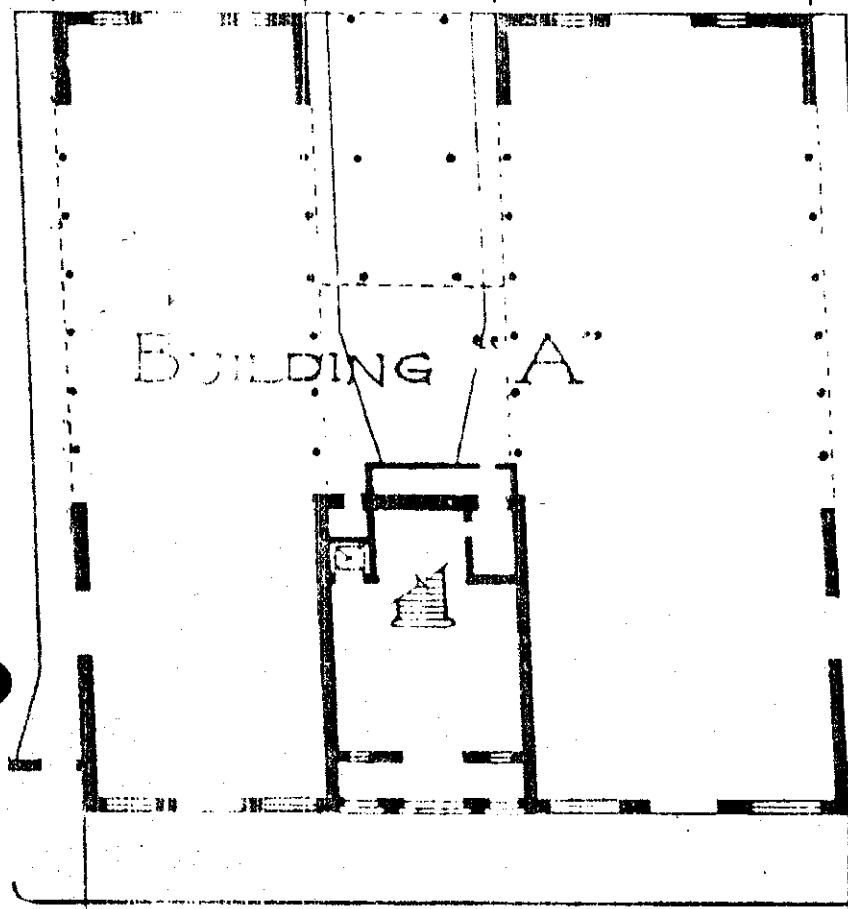
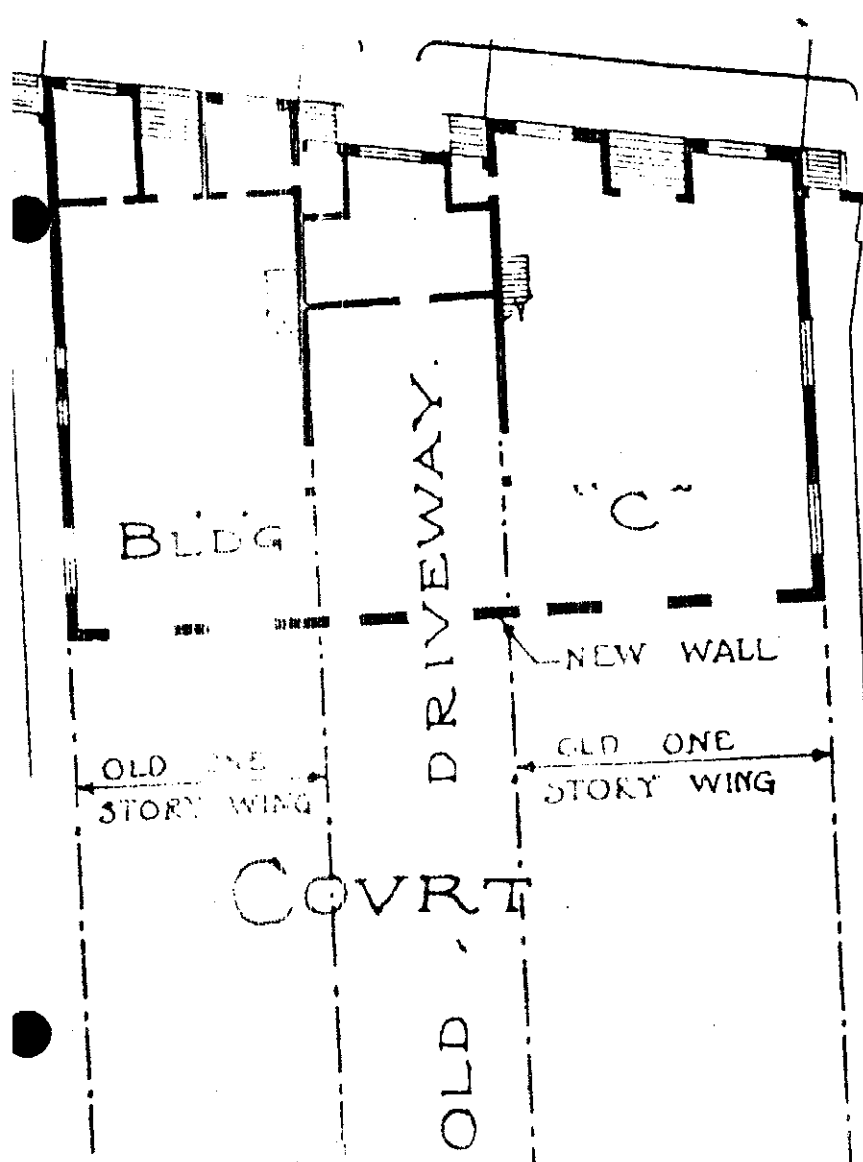
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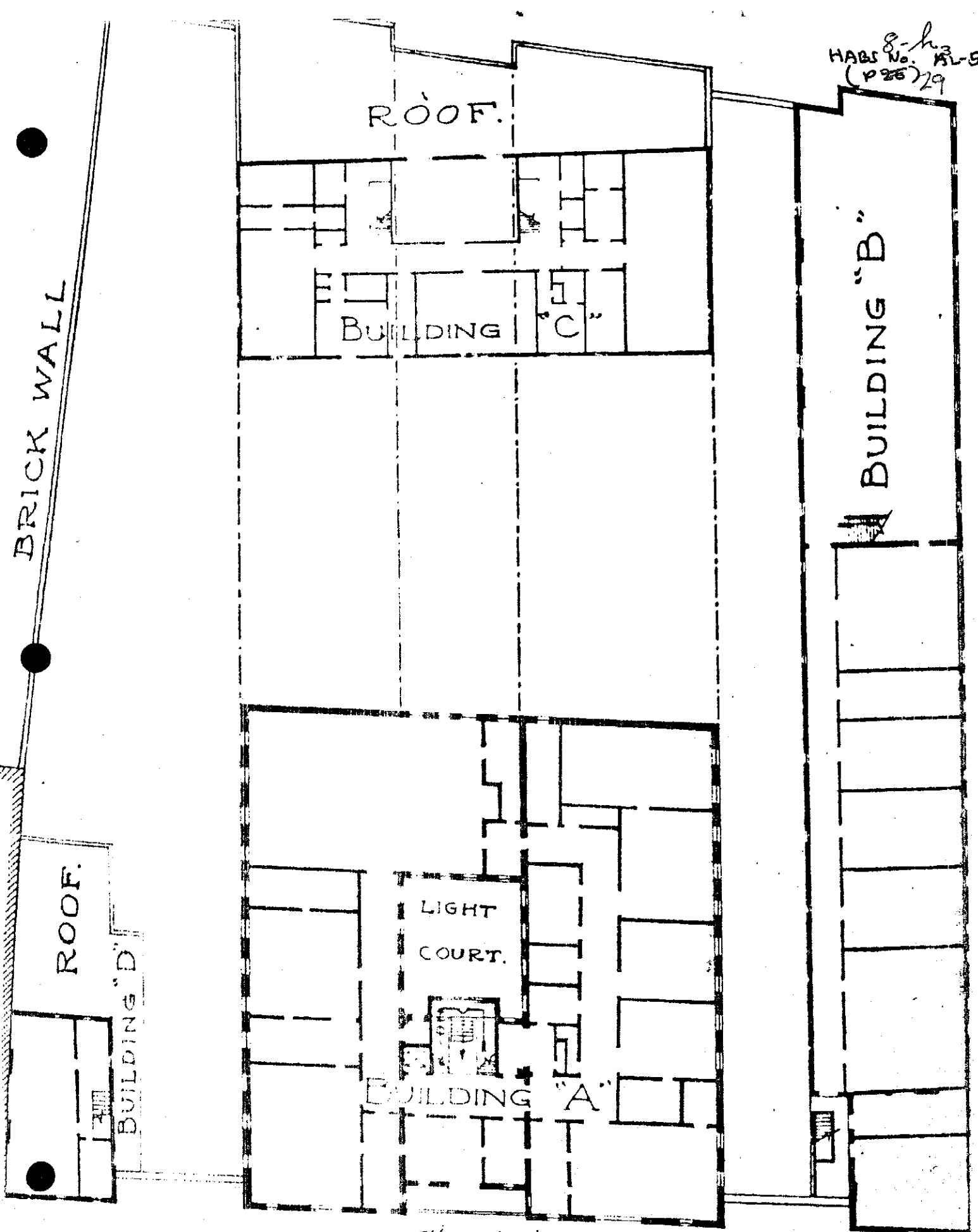
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City Hall
2nd floor
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1954 SANBORN MAP

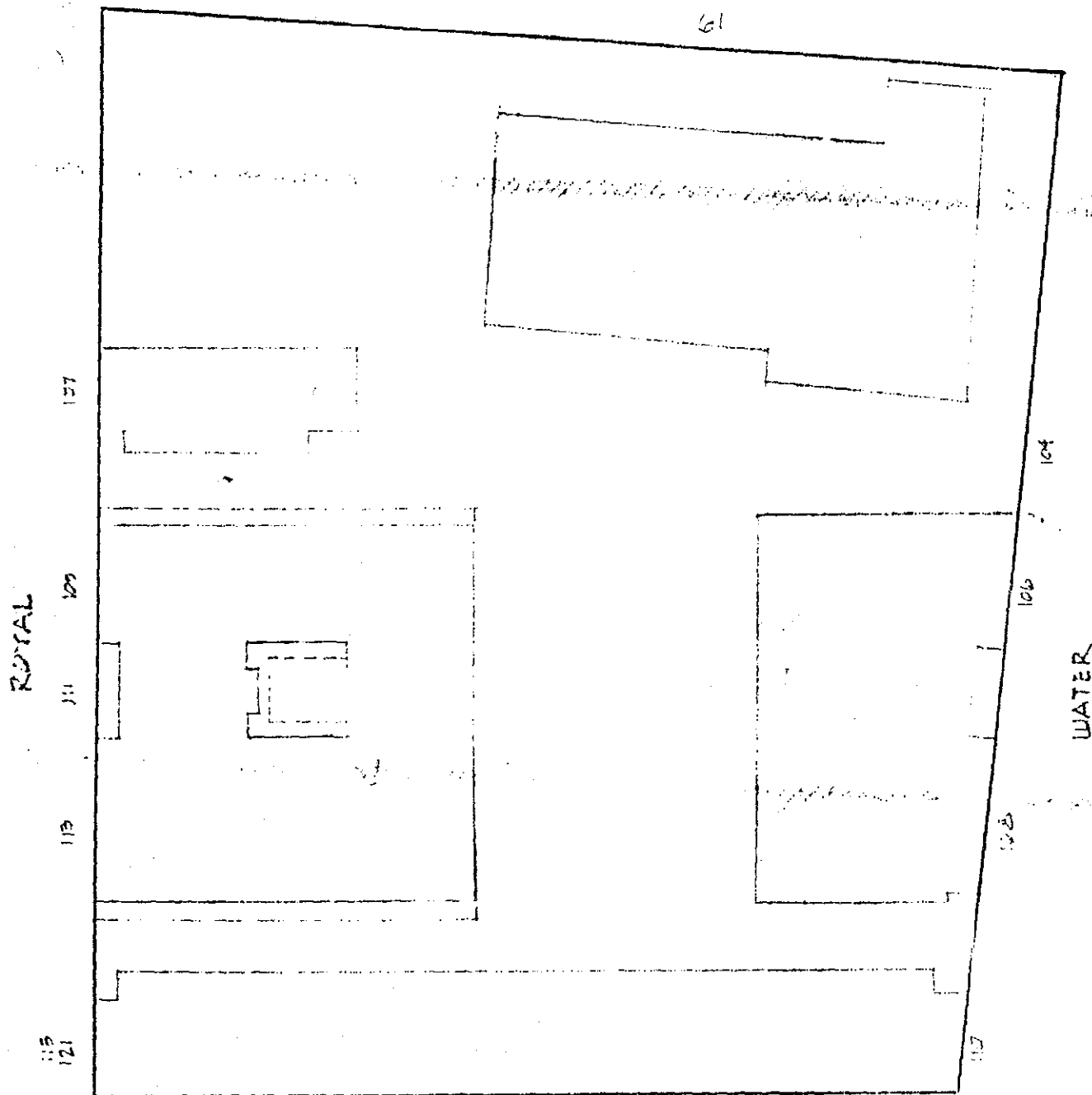
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STYLISTIC INF: Renaissance Italianate: accented keystones, quoining, semi-circular headed arcades, bracketed cornice and applied wall pilasters in the end wings.

PLAN: 4 separate rectangular buildings are connected by arcades. Originally the two central buildings were connected at the second story but the 1st story was open for a passageway to the market in the rear court. This passage is now enclosed and forms the main interior stair hallway.

All 4 buildings have their short side and gable ends toward the street.

The two end wings are about of equal size in width but the south wing is longer. *See HABS Drawing.*

The two central buildings are also unequal in width with the southern one a little wider than the northern one.

A large courtyard in the rear separates the complex from the fire station that was built in 1925.

The 1885 and 1891 Sanborn maps show the original plan when the market was active during the late 19th century. The brick, central buildings were extended to the rear by wood sheds that formed the city market. The south wing housed fish markets, broom factory, armory and gun room, etc. The brick buildings in front were used for the city offices. There is still research needed for the north wing.

All the building face west.

ELEVATION: 2 story with cupola.

End building wings: facades divided into 3 bays by Tuscan Doric pilasters that are separated by a wide horizontal belt course that articulates the 2nd story.

The 2 central buildings are divided into 3 bays by the semi-circular headed arcade and the windows above each arch of the arcades. Since the south building is wider than the north, the bays are wider but of the same number.

The arcades connect the buildings. The arcades opening up to passageways between the end wings and the 2 central buildings are 1 story elevation with crenelated parapets. The gateway is embellished with fine woven iron wire in the fan above.

The central arcade, once open, is now enclosed. Instead of the crenelated parapet it has a Spanish type with a moulded curve. Old photos do not show this type of embellishment.

ELEVATION, con't, Arcades con't.

The arches of the arcades have chamfered, rusticated voussoirs and jambs. A strongly accented scroll keystone ornaments every arch.

All exterior angles of the 2 central buildings have quoins of the same pattern as the rustication around the arcades.

WALL:

Brick; all exterior exposed walls are stuccoed and scored except the reconstructed north wing. That has stucco but no scoring.

The walls of the alley passageways have painted bricks, laid in coursing of 5 rows of stretchers between headers.

ROOF:

All 4 buildings have gable roofs with the gables facing on the street.

CORNICES:

Widely, overhanging and heavily bracketed cornices surround the buildings.

North and south wings: horizontal cornices supported by 4 modillions; raking cornice of pediment by 2 modillions.

Two central buildings: horizontal cornices supported by 8 modillions and same number in the raking cornice of the pediments. Since the north building is narrower than the south building the modillions are closer together in the north building.

All modillions are acanthus scrolls, heavily carved and massive.

A multiple moulding surrounds each modillion and extends along the rear angle of the soffit and frieze forming a pseudo panel in the soffits.

PORCH:

Deeply recessed main entrance forms an interior porch effect beyond the arcade. See Entrance.

WINDOWS:

The north and south wings have double sash, 6/6 lights with 3 light transom above at the 1st story.

The central buildings:

1st story: double windows with fan embellished by woven iron wire.

2nd story: 3 windows; side windows d.s., 9/3/ lights central windows same but with side lights with 3/2 lights.

Windows above the enclosed central arcade, casement with 10 small panes in each and a 4 light transom. Center window same plus side lights

ENTRANCE: South wing, recessed central entrance between the central pilasters of the bay.

Main entrance of the southern central building is deeply recessed with semi-circular barrel vault.
Opening on outer surface of wall with a fan of woven iron wire.

Glazed door is modern with a single pane of glass, a single light long side lights.

The 1 light transom is enclosed by a shallow stuccoed arch whose extrados continues into a horizontal band extending across the wall of the recessed porch.

Door of the north central building is similar.

The Cupola is polygonal, with semi-circular openings framed by applied Tuscan pilasters, an overhanging cornice with twin brackets at each angle of the cupola. Soffits paneled, frieze moulded

Misc: For more detail see H.A.B.S. and the National Register form

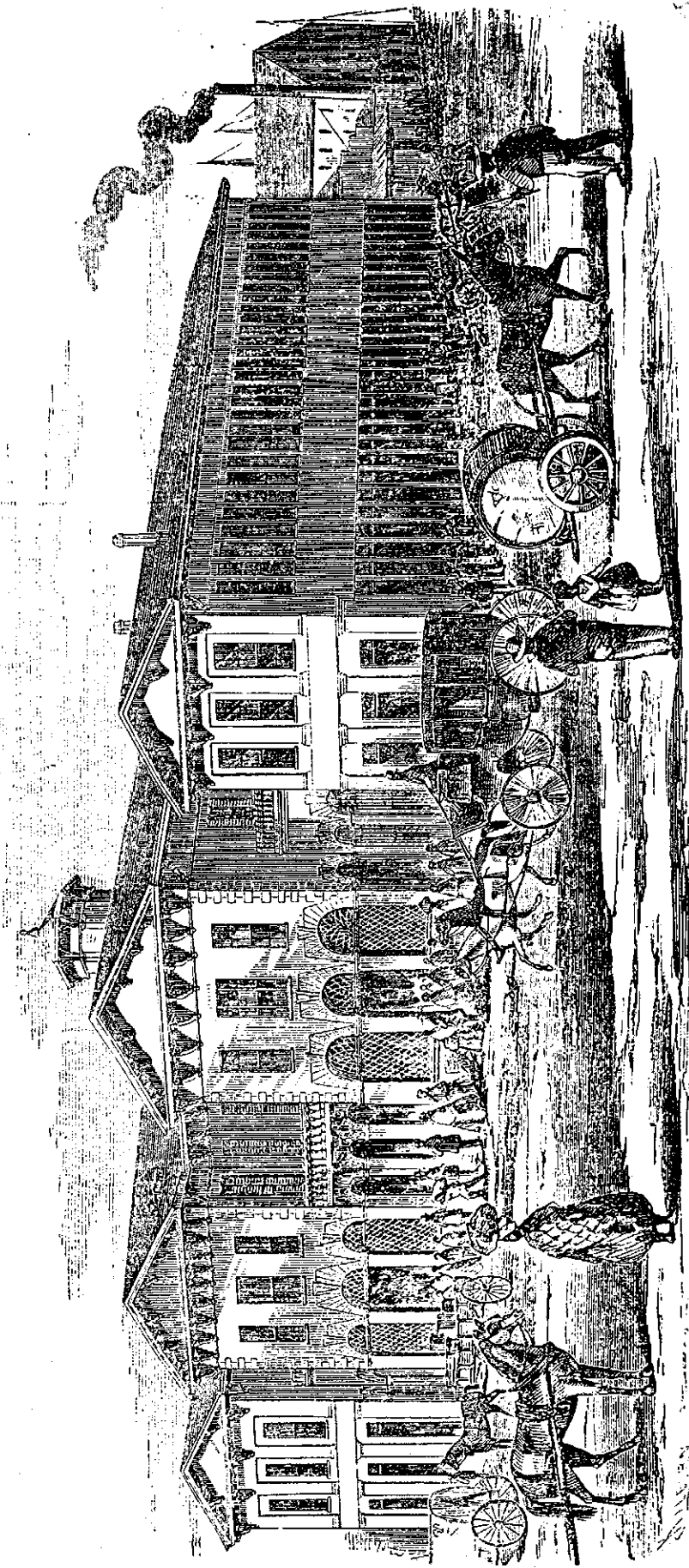
E.B.Gould, 1974

THIS man's head off. 'Is ne the murderer? A BAKUL. 'NO, SAH the man, 'does he, I believe, know anything about it. But he belongs to a country of the Siddees (pointing to a province in the vicinity of which is still held by the descendants of the former Admirals of the Mogul emperor), from which the murderers, we well know, come, and we have orders, whenever an occurrence of this nature happens, to proceed into that country, and to seize and put to death the first male, who has arrived at years of maturity, that we meet. This youth, he concluded, 'was taken yesterday, and must suffer to-day.' On my expressing my astonishment and horror at a proceeding in which the innocent was doomed to suffer for the guilty, he said that that was not his business; he only obeyed orders. 'But, he continued, 'I believe it is a very good plan. First, because it was adopted by Nanih Kurnayese, who was a wise man; and secondly, because I am old enough to recollect when no year ever passed without twenty or thirty murders and robberies on this road; and all by gangs from the Siddees country. Now they are quite rare; not above four or five within these twelve or fifteen years, which is the period this custom has been established.' As we were conversing, we reached the spot fixed for the execution. The guards halted and began to smoke their *tubble-dicks*, or pipes. The prisoner's hands were untied, and he took a pipe along with them, with much apparent unconcern. Indeed, his whole conduct marked indifference to his fate.

THE EMPEROR OF CHINA.
Under existing circumstances, following details, relative to the court of Peking, and the organization of the Celestial Empire, may not be without interest: The reigning emperor, Hien-Foung, ascended the throne in the year 1851, at 40 years of age. Hien-Foung is the seventh emperor of the reigning dynasty, or Tartar-Manchou dynasty, whose chief, Tchuun-Tehi, was proclaimed in 1644. According to the Chinese historians, the organization of the Celestial Empire dates from 3000 years before our Saviour. The family of the reigning emperor is composed of four sons and a daughter. The elder, Yih Wei, heir to the throne, is now 19 years of age. His mother died in giving him birth. The young prince is said to be well educated, but he professes, like his father, a profound hatred for foreigners. The second son is named Yih-Chun; he is 15 years of age; the third is Yih-Tehon, and is seven years of age; the fourth is Yih-Tsang. The emperor's daughter, who is said to be an accomplished princess, is 15 years of age. She was married last year to a nephew of the emperor, Prince Ting-Tsun-Wang, who has the reputation of being highly educated. The emperor has three brothers—Yang-Tsun, Mein-Wang, and Mein-Hin; the latter was degraded during the preceding reign, deprived of his dignities, and banished from the court. He was accused of having been affiliated with a secret society for the pur-

is true light. It is thus that the late events at Canton have been concealed from him, or misrepresented. The hatred of foreigners is forcibly excited by his ministers, who never regard his interests, but their own advantage. They very well comprehend that if foreign powers had representatives accredited to the emperor, they would tell him the truth, and weaken the influence of the ministers. The Emperor of China, confined to his capital, is the object of respect which amounts to terror, and is surrounded by people with whose character he is unacquainted. He lives in the midst of serious events to which he is a perfect stranger.—*Friend of China.*

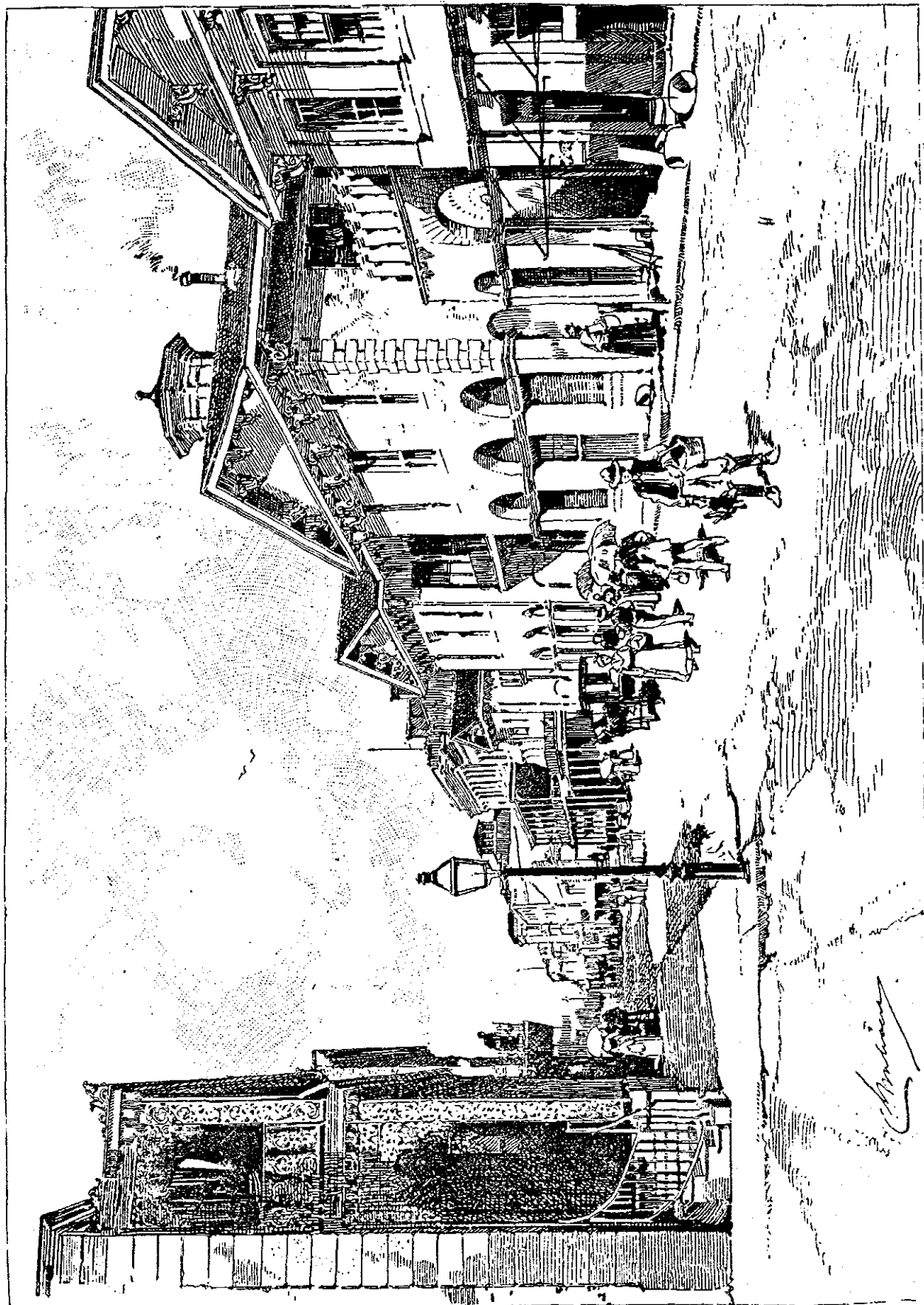
KNOWING WHAT ONE IS ABOUT.
"Hail the evil in this world," says Ruskin, in his "Stones of Venice," "comes from people not knowing what they do like—not deliberately settling themselves to find out what they really enjoy. All people enjoy giving away money, for instance; they don't know that—they rather think they like keeping it; and they do keep it, under this false impression, often to their great discomfort. Everybody likes to do good; but not one in a hundred finds this out. Multitudes think they like to do evil; yet no man ever really enjoyed doing evil since God made the world."—*New Orleans Picayune.*



CITY HALL AND NEW MARKET, MOBILE, ALABAMA.

original in Private
collection, Sidney Smith

Baillo's Pictorial Drawing Room Companion
June 1857



THE MARKET.

MOBILE, ALABAMA.—DRAWN BY CHARLES GRAHAM.—[SEE ARTICLE "THE INDUSTRIAL SOUTH," PAGE 503.]

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BATTLE HOUSE.



THE SOUTHERN MARKET.

Peter J. Hamilton
Art works of Mobile and vicinity
W. H. Parish & Co. 1894

